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This week, we have an excerpt from *The Truth and Meaning of Human Sexuality* which recognizes the importance for parents to foster in their children vocations to both priesthood and religious life. It also invites whole communities, priests and teachers to help parents in this very important endeavor. The text concludes with the important insight that parents are given, by God, the necessary graces to fulfill their role in encouraging vocations and inspiring faith in their children.

The Second Vatican Council clearly set out this distinct and honourable task of parents, who are supported in their work by teachers and priests: "Parents should nurture and protect religious vocations in their children by educating them in Christian virtues."

"The duty of fostering vocations falls on the whole Christian community... The greatest contribution is made by families which are animated by a spirit of faith, charity and piety and which provide, as it were, a first seminary, and by parishes in whose abundant life the young people themselves take an active part." "Parents, teachers and all who are in any way concerned in the education of boys and young men ought to train them in such a way that they will know the solicitude of the Lord for his flock and be alive to the needs of the Church. In this way they will be prepared when the Lord calls to answer generously with the prophet: 'Here am I! send me' (Isaiah 6:8)."

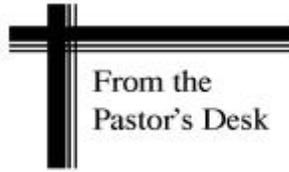
This necessary family context for maturing religious and priestly vocations brings to mind the serious situation of many families, especially in certain countries, families with an impoverished life because they have chosen to deprive themselves of children or where they have only one child, a situation in which it is very difficult for vocations to arise and even difficult to develop a full social education.

The truly Christian family will also be able to communicate an understanding of the value of celibacy to unmarried children or those who are incapable of marriage for reasons apart from their own will. If they are formed well from childhood and during their youth, they will be equipped to face their own situation more easily. Likewise, they will be able to discover the will of God in such a situation and so find a sense of vocation and peace in their own lives.⁶³

These persons, especially if they have some kind of physical disability, need to be shown the great possibilities for self-realization and spiritual fruitfulness which are open to those who make a commitment to help their poorest and most needy brothers and sisters, sustained by faith and the love of God.

FATHER AND MOTHER AS EDUCATORS: In granting married persons the privilege and great responsibility of becoming parents, God gives them the grace to carry out their mission adequately. Moreover, in the task of educating their children, parents are enlightened by "two fundamental truths...: first, that man is called to live in truth and love; and second, that everyone finds fulfillment through the sincere gift of self". As spouses, parents and ministers of the sacramental grace of marriage, they are sustained from day to day by special spiritual energies, received from Jesus Christ who loves and nurtures his Bride, the Church. (*The Truth and Meaning of Human Sexuality*, #35-37)

Pastor's Column — Second Sunday of Advent



Dear friends in Christ,

As mentioned last week, Advent is a time to prepare for the coming of the Lord. We anticipate the celebration of Christmas and the past event of the coming of Jesus, born of the Virgin. We are also invited to be mindful that the Lord will come again and we must therefore **stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.** (Matthew 24:42)

An important and informative book that examines the historical reality of the coming of Christ is *The Case for Jesus: The Biblical and Historical Evidence for Christ* by Dr. Brant Pitre. *The book makes an excellent case not only for the historical reality of Jesus, but among other important points, it also makes a case for the dating of the writing of the four Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.*

It is the generally accepted belief of many modern scholars that the Gospels developed after a long oral tradition and were then compiled by persons who wrote the Gospels and then attributed them to the authors for which the Gospels are named. In other words, many scholars accept the premise that, for instance Matthew did not actually write Matthew's Gospel. Rather, it is held by such scholars that all the Gospels were in fact anonymous. The difficulty with this theory is that it creates a kind of skepticism not only about who the human author's were, but also the inspiration that led to the writing of the Gospels and the Christ they portray. Dr. Pitre makes this very point:

*Imagine for a moment that you're browsing the shelves of your local bookstore, and you come across two biographies of Pope Francis. One of them is written by a longtime friend and contemporary of the pope. The other biography is anonymous. Which one would you buy? Most people, I would venture to guess, would go for the one written by someone who had actually spent time with him, someone who was a friend of Jorge Bergoglio, the man who later became pope. At the same time, I think most people would also view the anonymous biography with some level of suspicion. Who wrote this? Where did they get their information? Why should I trust that they know what they're talking about? And if they want to be believed, why didn't they put their name on the book? (Pitre, Brant. *The Case for Jesus: The Biblical and Historical Evidence for Christ*, p. 12. The Crown Publishing Group. Kindle Edition.)*

The Case for Jesus has a chapter titled Were the Gospels Anonymous? In it, Dr. Pitre makes what I think is a nearly irrefutable argument that the Gospels, as we have them now, were in fact, written in the decades not long after the resurrection and by the authors to whom they are attributed.

Luke's Gospel, in particular, is written in a manner that shows a careful recounting of historical facts. We have such an example in this weekend's Gospel: ***In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Iturea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert.***

Furthermore, St. Luke begins his Gospel with statements about his careful examination of the testimonies he used in his writings:

Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us, I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received. (Luke 1:1-4)

It is very important for us to trust in the veracity of the Gospels. It is a regular occurrence, especially in the days and weeks that lead up to both Christmas and Easter, that shows about Jesus and the Church air on cable television, such as Discovery or The History Channel. Many of these feature a number of modern scholars who make many false or misleading claims. *The Case for Jesus is a very thorough and insightful book that helps us renew our trust in the Gospels and the faithful presentation of the Lord that they present. It would be a good book to read for Advent.*

Grace and hope be with you all.

Rev. Thomas I. Ward

MASS SCHEDULE WEEKEND

Saturday at 4:00PM and also *livestreamed* at
(st.daniel.com and Facebook St. Daniel Church of
Lyncourt)

Sunday at 9:15 and 12:15

DAILY

6:50 a.m. MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

8:30 a.m. SATURDAY

(When you see PRIVATE Mass in Mass Schedule, this means that a priest is offering Mass for that intention at another location than St. Daniel. This is a temporary necessity because of lack of priests.)

ROSARY

Rosary before mass on the weekends.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

First Saturday of each month at the 8:30 am Mass.

ADORATION CHAPEL

Adoration Chapel is open 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

HOURS THE CHURCH IS OPEN

Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Saturday from 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS

9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays at 3:00 pm and before each Mass on Sunday.
*Starting December 1st, Wednesdays, 6p.m.-7p.m during
Holy Hour Exposition & Benediction.*



Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the ways of Thine only-begotten Son, that through His coming we may be worthy to serve Thee with purified minds. Who livest and reignest, with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen.

From Saint Daniel Parish Office

CHURCH SUPPORT

I have been asked about church support during this time made difficult by the pandemic. By keeping our yearly pledges made three years ago our finances will be stable. Many thanks to the parishioners who sent in their contributions this week. We are deeply appreciative. Please do whatever you can at this difficult time. We encourage you to use online giving go to stdaniel.weshareonline.org

If you wish you can mail your offering envelopes to us at 3004 Court St. Syracuse NY 13208. rectory. Thank you for your generosity!



MASKS are strongly recommended at Mass, Parish meetings and events. Please stay safe!



Prepare for the great feast of *The Nativity of the Lord* by going to confession.

CONFESSIONS BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Monday, December 20th from 4p.m. – 7p.m.
The Light Is On For You

Wednesday: December 22nd - 6:00p.m. -7:00p.m.



Due to the Pandemic, we will be asking for **Gift Cards** instead of taking a family tag name for our **Christmas Giving Tree program**. We are so grateful for your generosity in helping a family in need this Christmas. Please have all gift cards in the church or put in the collection in an envelope saying Giving Tree by December 11th.



Canned vegetables, soups, rice, potatoes, pasta and sauce, snack items, condiments, cereal, peanut butter.

Christmas Concert at Saint Daniel's

Featuring Lyncourt Community Band

Thursday, December 16th at 7:00PM

St. Daniel School Gym-3004 Court Street

Doors open at 6PM & Masks are recommended



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11/28 Collection (\$7,275.00+ \$600.00 online)
\$7,875.00

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Prayer Line~ Call the Rectory at 315-454-4946 and we will contact the members of the prayer line. 

Wisdom People~ St. Daniel's Senior Citizens group (Meetings are normally the 1st Friday of the month following the 12:10 Mass. No meetings currently scheduled. Please stay safe.

 **Bottles For Babies**
 Joseph's House is grateful for the \$7,300 the St. Daniel community raised for the Bottles for Babies project.

 **YEAR OF VOCATIONS**

"Be doers of the word and not hearers only." Is God calling you to proclaim His Word as a priest, deacon, or religious? Call Father Jason Hage (315) 470-1468, or write: vocations@syrдио.org

MASS SCHEDULE

Intentions for private 12:10 Masses are being satisfied by priests at other places.

SATURDAY December 4

Weekday
 8:30 a.m. Anointing of the Sick Mass
 4:00 p.m. Ted Bergemann-Family

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY December 5
 9:15 a.m. People of Saint Daniel

12:15 p.m. Carmella Galeazza-Granddaughter

MONDAY December 6

Advent Weekday
 6:50 a.m. Genevieve Grillo-Yvonne & Roy Ramsden
 Private Mass*Michael Desimone, Jr.-Gary & Diane Brisson

TUESDAY December 7

Saint Ambrose
 6:50 a.m. Louis & Mary Mangino-Mary Mangino Estate
 Private Mass*Vittorio Perrotta-Family
 4:00p.m. Special Intentions

WEDNESDAY December 8

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 6:50 a.m. Special Intentions
 Private Mass*Special Intentions
 7:00 p.m. Special Intentions

THURSDAY December 9

Advent Weekday
 6:50a.m. Frank Impelizzieri-Margaret & David Soderquist
 Private Mass*Anna Gi-Sun Kim-Kim Family

FRIDAY December 10

Advent Weekday
 6:50 a.m. John M Bozzuto-Fiahy Schlegel
 Private Mass*Mary Larkin-Family

SATURDAY December 11

Advent Weekday
 8:30 a.m. Neal Bitetti -Family
 4:00 p.m. Pauline Fiacco-Daughter & Family

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY December 12
 9:15 a.m. People of Saint Daniel

12:15 p.m. Genevieve Grillo-Matthew & Lauren Parisi

 **VOTIVE CANDLES** 
 oygerm Casey Parker (healing) Joygerm Joan
 Pete Massaro-Wife & Children

SCHOOL OF RELIGION

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**Family Faith Formation
Grades K-6**

Our Family Faith Formation Program is set up into a Four (4) Week program.

Week 1– Dec. 19th-Catechetical Sunday:
Parents & Children gather for Mass at the 9:15am. Following Mass, Fr. Ward will speak to the parents on the theme they will be teaching in Weeks 2 & 3 at home. Children will go to class with the teachers.

Week 2–Nov. 14th–Home Study with the Parents
Week 3– Nov. 21st– Home Study with the Parents.
Week 4– Dec. 5th - Community Gathering:
Parents & Children gather for Mass at 9:15am. After Mass they will celebrate a fun activity that is centered on a theme based on the Liturgical Calendar of the Church: Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, etc.

Dec. 12th-Safe Environment Class grades K-6

First Sacraments

Children preparing for First Sacraments will also meet in the School of Religion on Weeks 2 & 3 to meet the Diocesan Sacramental Prep requirements. *(This is in addition to doing the Home family study lesson).*

Pre-Confirmation- Meets on Sundays at 10:30am.
*Next class is Sunday, Nov. 28~No Class
Dec. 5~No Class*

Confirmation 1 & 2- Meets on Sundays at 11:00am.
*Nov. 28 ~No Class
Dec. 5~Class Father Lyons Hall*

R.C.I.A.

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Those desiring to learn about the Catholic Faith with an interest in becoming Catholic or those wanting to be confirmed, please contact:
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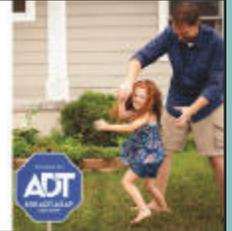
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